

REMARKS

The Office Action of January 4, 2005 has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered. Claims 1-34 are currently pending. Claims 8-11, 14-18, 22 and 24 allowed. Claims 1-7, 12, 13, 19-21, 23 and 25-34 have been cancelled.

Allowed Claims

The Applicants thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 8-11, 14-18, 22 and 24 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 8-11, 14-18, 22 and 24 are in condition for allowance.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 12, 13, 19-21, 23, and 26-34 have been rejected only under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yifrach (USPN 5,329,320). Claims 1-2, 4-7, 12, 13, 19-21, 23, and 26-34 have been canceled and render this rejection moot.

Claim 3 has been rejected only under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yifrach (USPN 5,329,320) further in view of Cuccia (USPN 6,295,094). Claim 3 has been canceled and renders this rejection moot.

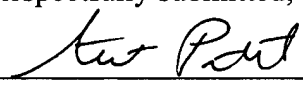
Claim 25 has been rejected only under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over Yifrach (USPN 5,329,320). Claim 25 has been canceled and renders this rejection moot.

The Applicants reserve the right to further pursue any claims directed to any aspects of the invention disclosed, subject to the patent laws of this country.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

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